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- b) inserting the configuration ticket into the processing device to be configured;
- c) reading contents of the magnetic stripe of the configuration ticket; and
- d) storing the read configuration parameters, which enables the controller to

configure functioning of the ticket processing device with aid of the stored configuration parameters, and which enables an installer to have a configuration ticket on which the corresponding configuration parameters are printed.

15. (New) Method according to claim 14, wherein step a) includes programming the configuration ticket with the aid of a chosen programming machine, comprising at least a magnetic read/write station, a thermal printing station, and a controller.

16. (New) Method according to claim 14, further comprising:

- 1) capturing information relating to activity of the ticket processing device;
- 2) storing the captured information; and
- 3) printing on a statement ticket the stored capture information.

17. (New) Method according to claim 16, wherein step 3) comprises editing of cycle and incident counters superimposed on a statement ticket representing the device's mechanism and elements concerned by operational functioning.

18. (New) Method according to claim 16, further comprising step 4) planning to write on the statement ticket, corresponding to the thermal printing, the statement information.

19. (New) Method according to claim 14, further comprising:

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- i) preparing a thermal printing reference ticket comprising at least one printed reference mark relating to horizontal, vertical framing of thermal printing or to density of a thermal print;
- ii) inserting into a ticket processing device to be adjusted the thermal printing reference ticket;
- iii) printing at least one reference scale on the thermal printing reference ticket in relation to the reference mark; and
- iv) indicating a value of coincidence between an element of the reference scale and the reference mark.

20. (New) Method according to claim 14, further comprising:

- I) inserting into a ticket processing device to be adjusted a reference ticket comprising a magnetic stripe extending from transversal edges of the reference ticket and on a longitudinal side of the ticket;
- II) detecting a first transversal edge of the reference ticket;
- III) writing on the magnetic stripe of the reference ticket a sequence of elementary reference inscriptions, a start of which is delivered before an arrival of the reference ticket at the magnetic read/write station and comprising a reference mark;
- IV) counting a number of the written elementary reference inscriptions on the magnetic stripe of the reference ticket, up to the reference mark, and deducing from that a distance between optical detection of the transversal edge of the reference ticket and the magnetic inscription.

21. (New) Method according to claim 14, further comprising a cutting position centering step, of planning to prepare a reference ticket comprising attenuation lines, the

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reference ticket being inserted into the ticket processing device to be adjusted and the cutting position being compared visually in relation to attenuation lines.

22. (New) Method according to claim 14, further comprising a checking step in which elementary movements of the device are proceeded with function by function and/or code line by code line.

23. (New) Man/machine interface device for ticket processing comprising a magnetic read/write station, thermal printing station, control means, means for writing on a magnetic stripe of a configuration ticket at least certain operating parameters of a ticket processing device to be configured, and means for printing on the configuration ticket, corresponding to the magnetic programming, the configuration parameters;

wherein the read/write station of the ticket processing device is configured to read contents of the magnetic stripe of the configuration ticket inserted into the ticket processing device to be configured; and

wherein the control means comprise storage means configured to store the read configuration parameters, which enables the control means to configure functioning of the ticket processing device with the aid of the stored configuration parameters, and which enable the installer to have a configuration ticket on which the corresponding configuration parameters are printed.

24. (New) Device according to claim 23, further comprising means configured to note information relating to activity of the ticket processing device, the storage means being configured to store the noted information, and the printing station configured to print onto a statement ticket the stored information.

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25. (New) Device according to claim 24, wherein the magnetic read/write station is configured to write on the statement ticket, corresponding to the thermal printing, the statement information.

26. (New) Device according to claim 23, further comprising:

means for preparing a reference ticket comprising a magnetic stripe extending from transversal edges of the ticket and on a longitudinal side of the ticket;

means for detecting a first transversal edge of the reference ticket;

means for writing on the magnetic stripe of the reference ticket a sequence of elementary reference inscriptions, a start of which is delivered before arrival of the reference ticket at the magnetic write station and comprising a reference mark; and

means for counting a number of elementary reference inscriptions written on the magnetic stripe of the reference ticket, up to the reference mark, and deducing from that a distance between optical detection of the transversal edge of the ticket and the magnetic inscription.

#### REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

The present preliminary amendment is submitted to place the above-identified application in more proper format under United States practice. By the present preliminary amendment original Claims 1-13 are cancelled and new Claim 14-26 are presented for examination. New Claims 14-26 are deemed to be self-evident from the original disclosure, including original Claims 1-13, and thus are not deemed to raise any issues of new matter.